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Animal rights group puts U of A facilities under the microscope

Christie Tucker

News Editor

Students upset about animal testing on campus got a chance to tour the university's facilities last Friday, and examine the conditions in which the animals live.

Nine students from a group that calls itself Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA), were taken through the facility by the University's Veterinarian and former director of the Health Sciences Laboratory Animal Services, David Neil.

Jay Sheldon, from SETA, which is a fairly new group on campus, said the members wanted to become informed about what animal testing at the U of A was like.

The lab, which has an open door policy, arranged a tour for the group.

The students met with Neil at 9:00am on Friday, and their tour did not conclude until 1:00pm. "They had a lot of questions, they were obviously very interested in it," he said. During the tour, the students asked questions about the state the animals were kept in, disease prevention, and what Neil called environmental enrichment, which includes decorating the animals' cages with props and toys.

The lab does not itself test on animals. "We don't do research," said Toni Bayans, Assistant Director of Veterinary Care Services. "We take care of the animals before and after research is done on them." The animals are usually used for biomedical research into preventative medicine, she said.

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15 Are you a poor loser? Suck it up, says Daorcey Le Bray in another sports commentary.

Quote for the day:

Hope is not the idea that things will turn out favourably, but that whatever happens, it will make sense.

— Vaclav Havel

This day in *The Gateway's* history:

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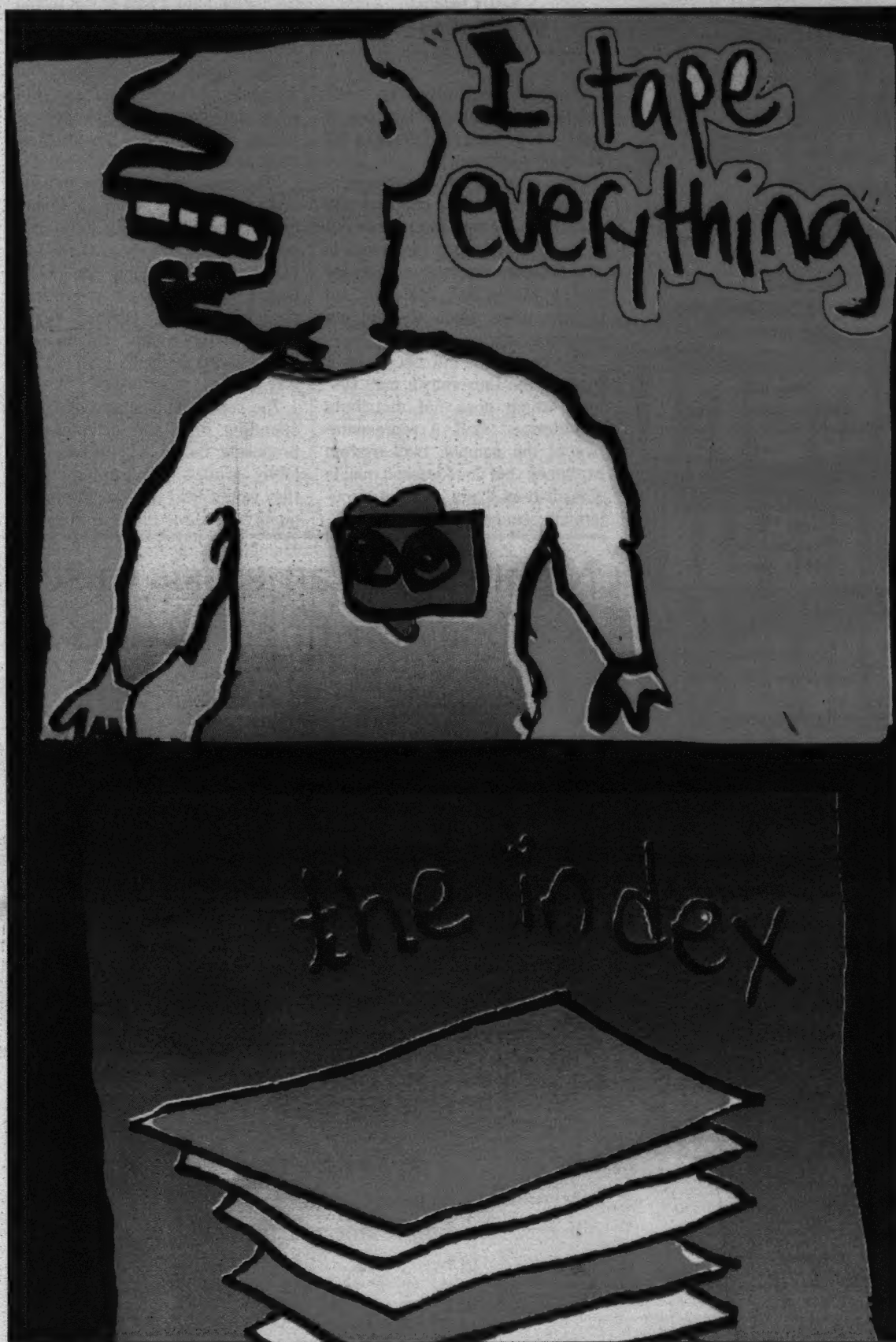
- *The Alarm* flooded the campus with daily announcements of meetings. Its effectiveness was somewhat marred by a tendency towards being indecipherable.
- Marcel Lambert was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship.
- Bill Pybus burnt his breeches in a freak accident.

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Prints like these, and other lovely pieces of student art, will be available for sale at Thursday night's Silent Art Auction in the Fine Arts Building. The auction will raise money for the BDes and BFA graduation show.

Mike Winters / THE GATEWAY

Staff association threatens admin with Labour Board complaint

Ryan Smith

News Editor

Managers of the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) are meeting with senior administrators today to discuss the complaint NASA made to the Alberta Labour Board last week.

NASA had been in interest-based contract negotiations with administrators since January and was shaken by the announcement that the administration had begun a process that may lead them to contract out management of the University's Administrative Information Systems (AIS).

NASA suspended contract nego-

tiations, contending that the administration should have told them earlier about the idea to outsource the AIS.

U of A Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Glenn Harris said, "We'll be in a mediation session with [NASA] all day [today]. [NASA has] raised some issues and we'll be talking with them and hopefully reach some common ground."

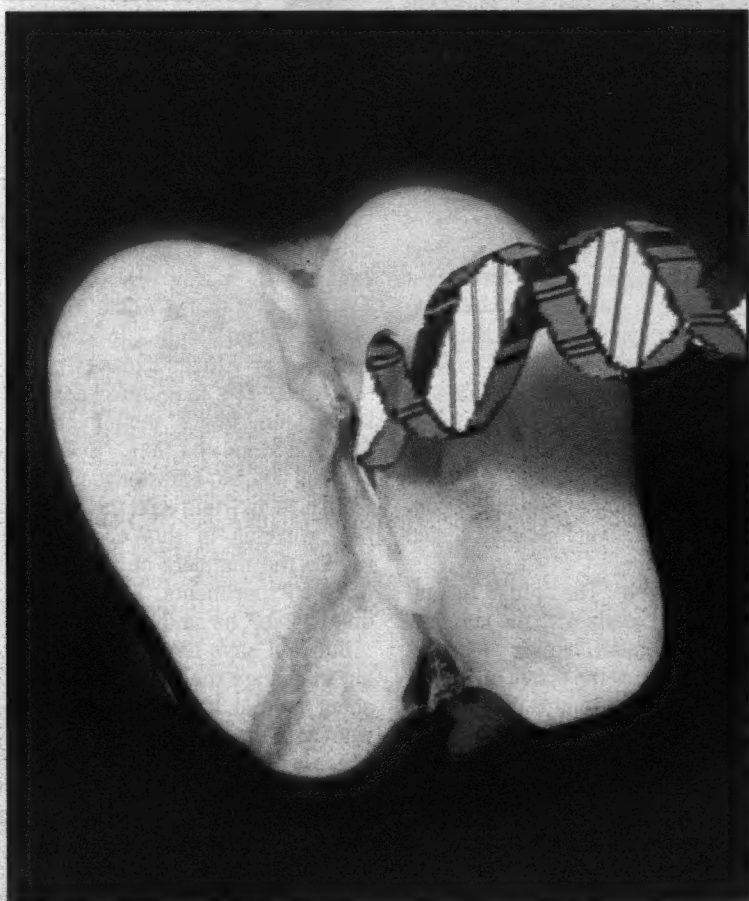
A Labour Board hearing regarding this matter is scheduled for April 10 and 11, but NASA Business Manager Barb Surdykowski said, "If they put in a good solid effort and fully address all our concerns then we may postpone the hearing."

NASA Labour Relations Officer Yessy Byl said that NASA has also filed seven grievances on grounds that administration has contravened the collective bargaining agreement.

"The main grievance is that the employer failed to consult with us during the planning stage to contract out work," Byl said.

Other grievances, Byl said, included the employer contracting out work that could have been performed by NASA members, and some employees getting paid more for doing the same work as others.

However, Byl said, "We are quite prepared to discuss and resolve these grievances before they would go to an arbitrator."



Testing the options for genetically modified food. See page 9.

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Copies of Bill 11 were unaddressed

Dan Lazin

CUP ALBERTA BUREAU CHIEF

Students in University residences did not receive copies of Bill C-11 because the pamphlets did not bear addresses.

The provincial government mailed copies of the controversial new bill on private health care out to every household in the province. The Gateway reported on Tuesday that a Lister Hall resident had become upset when she did not receive a copy.

The brochures did not make it through the University's mail system, which does not distribute unaddressed mail. A representative of the campus mail system explained that unaddressed mail is classified as flyers, and not circulated to occupants.

Spending cuts are damaging BC, says new report

Anita Moore

THE PEAK

BURNABY, BC (CUP) — Spending cuts have had a damaging impact on public services in British Columbia, says a new report by the BC office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

The report acknowledges that spending cuts are not new. But what may surprise some people, argues the report, is the province most affected by cuts.

"The massive public sector cuts and privatization initiatives implemented by today's Klein and Harris governments already occurred in BC in the 1980s under the Social Credit government's 'restraint' program," said Donna Vogel, author of the report. "BC has not been spared cutbacks—we led the way."

The report indicates that if the spending cuts and privatization proposals called for by business lobby groups are implemented, they would lead to a decline in the quality of services, an increase in

unemployment, an increase in user fees and an increase in government costs.

"If British Columbia continues down a road marked by budget cuts and privatization, the families and communities of this province can expect to find themselves with more poverty and inequality, less access to needed goods and services and less to say in the decisions that affect their lives," said Vogel.

Doug Allen, an economics professor at Simon Fraser University, questions the report's findings. He says privatization is not necessarily going to increase government costs or supply an inferior service to the public.

The public should look at, "[whether] it is more efficient to produce things in the private sector or in the public sector," he said.

Allen argues some things should be delivered by a public service, while others are more successful when distributed by a private service.

He also disagrees with Vogel on the issue of increased user fees.

According to Allen, a free public service will be overused, with the result that costs will escalate at taxpayers expense.

But if a user fee is implemented, argues Allen, the service will not be widely exploited and, in the long-term, the consumer will save money.

Vogel disagrees with this analysis.

"If the government follows the demands of business groups and cuts funding to public services, it will mean job losses in the public and private sectors, lower quality services for all British Columbians, reduced access to needed services and higher out-of-pocket expenses for families," he said.

Vogel's report, which surveys privatization initiatives in other jurisdictions, says there are numerous problems with contracting out services to private companies. "Many contracts do not save money," said Vogel, "and those that manage to cut costs often do so by eliminating jobs, paying workers less, and cutting corners on quality and health and environmental standards."

Night of African music raises money for flood victims

Adam Houston

NEWS STAFF

The most recent images used by the media to grab attention have been of flood-ravaged southern Africa. For many people, these pictures evoke a moment's sympathy, and are promptly forgotten.

The goal of Friends of Southern Africa, a student group formed recently in response to the flooding, is to make sure other students are made aware that even when the mainstream media has moved to another story, the crisis is just beginning for the countries damaged by some of the worst flooding in decades.

The solution [to the problem] needs to be a human one that we all contribute to.

— Terry Selikow, spokesperson, Friends of South Africa

The death toll from the flooding is already over 800 people, but the damage will not stop there. It is estimated that nearly 2.5 million people are affected, said Terry Selikow, a spokesperson for the group.

Currently, 40 000 victims of the flood are in immediate need of food, medical supplies, and drinking water. And even as the waters recede, the threat of diseases such as cholera begin to menace the hundred of thousands of people displaced from their homes and crowded into unsanitary camps.

Even when it is safe to go home, many people will no longer have homes to go to.

With crops destroyed, famine is on the horizon. For nations already in dire financial straits, the prospect of rebuilding what has been lost is a daunting task. The legacy of the flood will be one of suffering for those countries that can afford it least. Without assistance, they may not be able to recover at all.

The issue strikes close to home for members of the organization,

many of whom originate from the affected countries.

In an effort to help, the group has manned tables around campus, with locations in HUB, SUB, and CAB, where they have been collecting donations from students.

"Any contributions will not only improve the material conditions of Mozambicans, but will be a sign of solidarity and hope for our brothers and sisters in southern Africa," said Selikow.

She added that U of A students have the means to make a difference, if they choose to do so.

As a fundraiser to help flood victims, Friends of Southern Africa has organized an event dubbed African Night this Saturday, April 1, at the Power Plant. Tickets are available from the SU Information booths, or from the table FOSA has set up in SUB.

The event will feature live African music, from groups such as the Alasanne Fall band, and a choir visiting from Mozambique.

Proceeds from the Oxfam-sponsored event will be distributed to flood victims by the Red Cross.

Earlier the same day, the Mozambique choir will be performing at West Edmonton Mall to raise public awareness of the plight facing people in their home country.

Organizers promise the event will provide both an entertaining evening and a fascinating cross-cultural experience for those students unfamiliar with African music.

While organizers hope that everyone will have a good time, they also hope participants will gain something more substantial from the experience.

"The solution [to the problem] needs to be a human one that we all contribute to," said Selikow.

Selikow hopes that Canadian students who attend the event will realize that just because an event isn't happening to them does not mean it does not affect them in some way.

Ideally, it will help people recognize the responsibility that all members of the global community should have towards one another, she said.

Lab passes test, but doesn't change minds



These hamsters are lab animals from Health Sciences at the U of A.

Photo: courtesy of Health Sciences Laboratory Animal Services

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Of the animals kept in the facility, the largest percentage are rats and mice, although they also maintain ducks, cats, and dogs. When the group approached the room that housed cats, the students became more emotionally upset, said Neil. "One of the most disturbing things I saw were the cats with implants in their heads," said Sheldon.

But Sheldon said he was glad to see that the University does not test on primates. "They personally think the emotional part of keeping a primate is too hard," he said.

Neil explained that he considers the process of medical testing on animals necessary, but thinks that it is almost as emotionally wearing on the staff as it is on the animals. "The price isn't just being paid by the animals, but by the people looking after them, too."

"The number one thing that surprised me about the tour is that they seem to be genuinely concerned about the animals," said Sheldon.

Neil agreed. "The animal technicians form bonds with the animals, they give them names. When it comes time for the end of an experiment, we have to give them space to grieve." Neil said that last weekend when a technician called him from the lab to report on the animals, she said "everybody seems to be fine."

Neil was struck by the fact that the technician had referred to the animals as everybody, instead of

everything.

"I guess I was sensitive to the issue because I had been with the students on Friday," said Neil.

But Jones maintained the opposite impression. "I was dismayed by the manager's objectification of animals. The entire time, they used words like 'using animals to their maximum efficiency,'" he complained.

However, both Sheldon and Jones agreed that the facilities were in good condition. "From what they've told me and from what I've seen at other institutions, the U of A is good," said Sheldon.

"If you believe in animal testing, then you could say these people treated them humanely," said Jones. "But it was pretty shocking—the fact that a whole institution exists on campus to kill animals and give them diseases."

Sheldon, too, maintains that his opinion on animal testing hasn't changed since the tour. "But they seemed to be knowledgeable of animal pain. [Neil] said the reason he's working in this area is to reduce the numbers of animals in use in experiments. I think he's quite noble," he said.

But Neil says he wasn't expecting to change the students' minds about animal testing. "I wouldn't want to change their minds, but I want them to know that at this university we do our best."

"You want those people there who care like mad about the animals. As long as they remain sensitive, that's the most important thing."

Police called to Ryerson protest against deregulation

Heather Middleton
Janet Garcia
THE RYERSONIAN

TORONTO (CUP) — Ryerson University students protesting deregulation had to deal with police and campus security officers who were called in to control the demonstration.

This past Monday, Ryerson's Board of Governors met for their monthly meeting.

The first item on the agenda was a motion presented by students to hold off deregulating tuition fees for at least two years.

After more than an hour of presentations from student representatives, the Board voted to send the issue to its finance committee for review.

That decision sparked students to take over the meeting room. In response, Board members called off the meeting.

"That was the most cowardly act I've ever seen," said Erin George, president of Ryerson's Students' Administrative Council (SAC) and Board member, as she fought back tears.

Students watching on closed-circuit television in a nearby room

began chanting, "Education is a right, we will not give up the fight," and banged on the meeting room's closed door.

After being let in, they challenged University President Claude Lajeunesse and other Board members to vote on deregulation. They didn't.

It is simple. If tuition is raised, I will not be able to return to Ryerson or any other university. I am poor, but not stupid.

— letter to the BoG

Instead, Lajeunesse and other board members, protected by police officers and security guards, left the 14th-floor boardroom through a back stairwell.

"Like rats from the sinking ship, they have all fled," said Krystal Ann Kraus, a second-year social work student.

The students, left alone in the boardroom, ripped up name plates and seized the opportunity to hold a mock vote against deregulation.

Earlier at the meeting, George presented 7000 signatures and letters from the Ryerson community

supporting the freeze on deregulation.

"When you read the letters in the students' own handwriting, it's incredible," she said.

One letter to board members reads, "It is simple. If tuition is raised, I will not be able to return to Ryerson or any other university. I am poor, but not stupid."

Deregulation, approved by the province in 1998 but on hold at Ryerson since then, allows universities to charge whatever they want for tuition in such programs as engineering, computer science, law and dentistry.

The government recently announced it will continue to regulate tuition in most programs for the next five years, but some professional programs will be deregulated.

Barbara Lozano, a second-year industrial engineering student and candidate to become a student rep on the Board, cried when she spoke of her student loans totalling more than \$50 000.

Lozano, who was recently elected SAC's vice-president (finance), said that a couple of years ago she was certain getting a degree would be a passport to future job opportunities.

But if tuition is deregulated, she

doesn't know how she and her two-year-old daughter will cope.

"Deregulation means I won't be able to go to school," said Lozano. "I have to work next year and probably go part-time. I don't want to make my debt higher than it is right now."

The finance committee has been asked to meet on the issue April 13 and 20.

"We sympathize with the students, but we've got to look at the figures," said Board member Rob Stagg, a history professor. "We need to see all the information before we vote."

This could mean annual fees of \$10 000 or more for programs like engineering.

Joel Harden, Ontario chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), says British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island have cut tuition.

"Ontario is the exception to the rule," he said in a recent press conference.

Jacking up the cost of post-secondary education would be like rolling back the clock to the 1930s, "when only rich families were able to send kids to school," Harden said.

Bombing of Chechnya a one-sided attack, says U of Calgary alumnus

Roman Zakaluzny
THE GAUNTLET

Late last summer, several massive explosions rocked Russia, killing over 300 innocent civilians while they slept. While no one claimed responsibility for the atrocity, Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Prime Minister Vladimir Putin placed the blame squarely on "Chechen terrorists."

Chechnya, a tiny landlocked nation of less than one million people located in the remote Caucasus Mountains, denied any involvement. Nevertheless, Russia began an air and ground assault in September, aimed at retaking the nation and eliminating the terrorists.

This war and its effects on civilian Chechens was the subject of Nafees Shams' presentation at the University of Calgary entitled "War in Chechnya: Want to learn the Truth?" which took place on March 23. The event was sponsored by the Muslim Students Association.

"[Russia's] goal was to get into Chechnya, and wipe out the terrorists by whatever means necessary," said Shams in his introduction.

Shams began the presentation with clips taken with a home video camera. He showed shaky footage of the Chechen capital Grozny after a bombing raid, and the treacherous escape routes used by refugees through the mountains. One student likened the quick-panning, out-of-focus clips to "the Blair Witch Project, but real."

Shams, a University of Calgary electrical engineering graduate, has worked for international relief organizations since he graduated in 1992.

"The presentation was pretty enlightening," said third-year Biology student Mischa Fox, one of

about 100 attendees. "You don't really see a lot of the first-hand stuff which [Shams] had on tape. The Western media, it's all sort of watered-down, and [the presentation] was actually pretty shocking."

While many in attendance admitted to learning much, others were critical of Shams, claiming the presentation was reverse propaganda.

"It was a good technical presentation, well shown," said law graduate student Dimmer Borisovski, formerly of Moscow. "But I think that the presentation was very biased in favour of Chechnya, probably [because] his guides were Muslim, and he's Muslim himself. It's difficult sometimes to take a position objective enough to present to [an] auditorium."

Borisovski justified the attacks, claiming Chechnya carried out terrorist chemical and nuclear attacks in Moscow not reported by the Western media.

"Something [had to] be done about the possible chemical attacks that took place in Moscow [not made public]," explained Borisovski. He cited many examples of purported Chechen criminal acts in Chechnya and Russia during and after the presentation. He also mentioned that Russia was fighting "Islamic fundamentalists," funded by Osama bin Laden and other outsiders, not common Chechens.

Shams' response to all such allegations were the same.

"Even if that is the case, you don't bomb civilians," said Shams. Shams distributed news articles about the apartment bombs in Russia, claiming the bombings were self-inflicted to justify a war.

"There's no proof whatsoever that the Chechens [placed the bombs]," claimed Shams. "Secondly, there's evidence that



Nafees Shams, U of C alumnus, condemns Russia's bombing of Chechnya.
Melissa Shea / The Gauntlet

the Russians did it themselves."

Shams believes this is more of a race issue than a religious issue.

"Islamic [terrorism] is a buzzword in the West," he said. "If you're going after Islamic terrorists, then we'll give you the go-ahead. But are they fundamentalist? They have a very vague understanding of Islam. Under Communism for 75 years, they've been separated from the rest of the Islamic world."

With the recent presidential election victory of Putin in Russia, the world is watching the region closely to see how the crisis will play itself out. "Putin seems to be

stuck on a 'hardliner' image," said Shams. "If casualties on the Russian side increase, then the Russians might reconsider. It very much depends on international pressure to unearth the atrocities." Based on the conflicting evidence presented by Shams and some audience members, it is doubtful the entire truth will ever emerge from this conflict. Students nevertheless emerged feeling more informed than when they went in.

"If the media is being controlled, if the people over there aren't finding out the truth, then I don't think that either side is winning," said Shams. "Both sides are losing."

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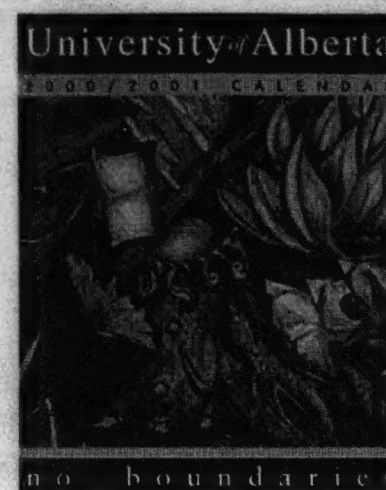
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April 3-5

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EDITORIAL

Personal failure and the Oscars

So on Sunday, I decided to take four hours out of my evening and go to an Oscar party. This was no small sacrifice for me; I missed the *Simpsons*, which is something I never do. When my girlfriend Sheryle and I arrived, we were greeted by friends already present and given ballots on which we were to select the winners and then tally our scores. The evening was alight with anticipation, but as it ground slowly on, I began to wonder exactly what this was all for.

What are the Academy Awards? Well, it's fairly self-explanatory, really. The Academy, which consists of many old actors and directors, select what they feel was the best movie or most outstanding role of the year. Then the one with the most votes overall wins. Or in other words, people tied to the industry vote for other industry players' projects and performances in a four-hour gala of backslapping and self-congratulation. This shouldn't even be televised. Why? Because the people who are watching the Academy Awards don't get a say in any of it.

And yet we are powerfully drawn to the dramatic spectacle of anticipation and success. Living in a production-based society we get more and more restless, our search for heroes becomes all the more desperate, as we are dehumanized in

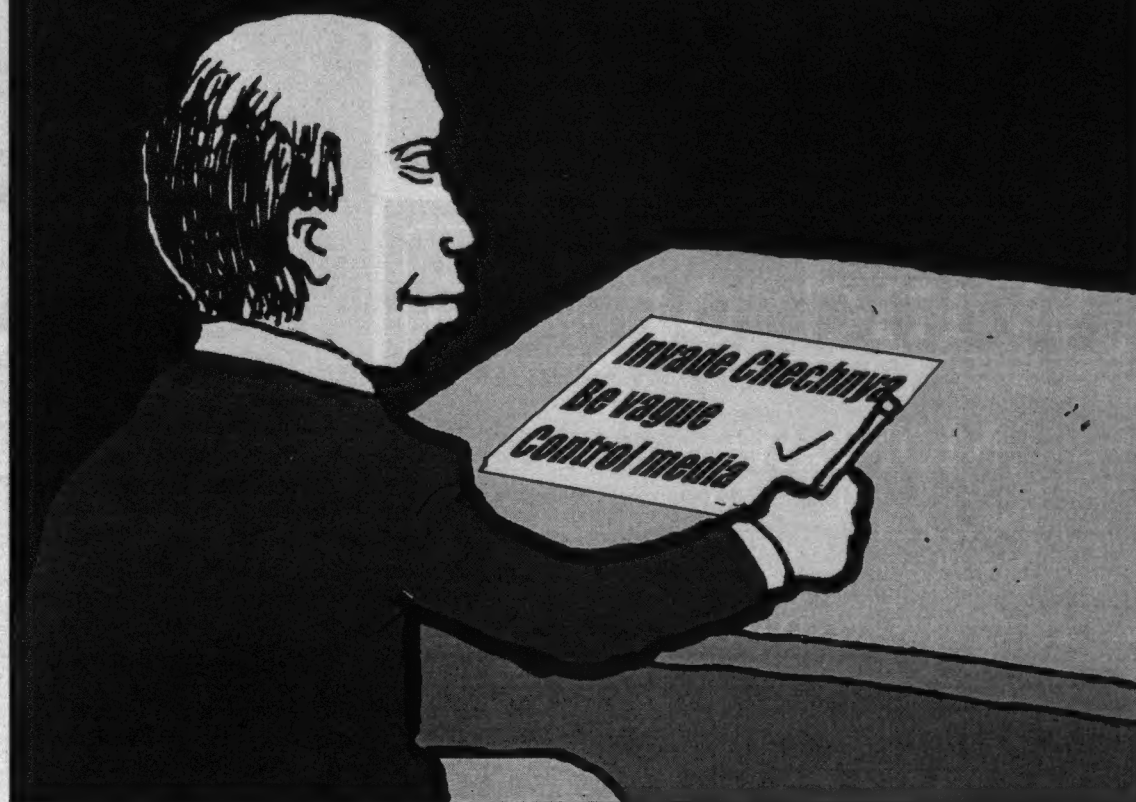
our day to day drudgery, we look to Hollywood to define our dreams for us. We suffer from the collective guilt of not actually achieving much of importance, and feeling that we should, that we deserve it. But since so many of us have this desire for greatness but lack the means with which to accomplish it, our society chooses instead to live vicariously through those in the public eye. Hence the Academy Awards.

We filled out our ballots before the show like we were the ones deciding the fate of the actors and directors. When the members of the Academy happened to agree with us, we cheered and gloated as if, somehow, we had contributed to their success. When Denzel Washington lost Best Actor, I personally felt defeat.

The Oscars are an award by and for the movie industry. They don't involve us at all, but we make a place for them in our society. Where once heroes were our mentors, people whose accomplishments were meant to be aspired to, now we are comfortable in merely watching them succeed, and celebrating like we are responsible for their victory.

Chris Boutet
COMICS COORDINATOR

It looks like Vladimir Putin's campaign strategy was a smashing success!



LETTERS

Editorial just mindless liberal ranting

Congratulations on getting your tirade about rights off your chest, Christie. Perhaps you would like to get off your high horse and accept some reality.

Fact: the Alberta Government has every power to legislate the solemnization of marriage. Included in that is what the province defines marriage to be. Read your constitution.

Fact: whatever you or I think of the relative merits of homosexuality and heterosexuality, the vast majority of children in the past came from traditionally defined marriages. This makes it a cornerstone. Don't confuse the issue about talking about a woman's right to individually participate in society as a full equal.

Fact: the Bill does not discourage someone from being homosexual. It does not even disallow a common-law relationship. It says if you want to get the title of married in Alberta you must conform to a status that has been around, well at least since I was born—I can't vouch for more.

Opinion: it seems to me that whenever someone who doesn't know what they are talking about [talks] they like to label themselves as liberal-minded, and their opposition as reactionary. Fact: you use both labels freely in your "writing."

So Christie, rather than throwing about the slurs towards anyone who does not share your enlight-

ened viewpoint, maybe you could put an argument together as to why it is a good thing that two women or two men should be recognized as married. Until you do, I am sure most people will dismiss your rambling for what it is—rhetoric. The fact that monogamous heterosexual relationships are something that society has used for years (at least twenty or so) to further the species, does not mean that everyone who thinks that that relationship should be recognized hates homosexuals. Not by any means.

KEITH REICHERT
LAW II

Anorexia isn't funny, even on the sports page

I am writing this letter in response to Daorcey LeBray's article in Thursday's *Gateway* "The irony of the ill fated sports writer." I would just like to say that I am disgusted and strongly offended at his sad attempt to be humorous by saying "oh well, I can still take solace that deep down inside I'm anorexic—I'm just not good at it." There are many people who suffer with the disease of anorexia nervosa—one being a good friend of mine. It is not a joke, and it was a case of poor judgement to include such a statement when there are so many individuals who have low self-esteem and can not handle the pressures of life. These people resort to such an extreme in order

to achieve personal worth; therefore, this statement is a sick attempt at making this disease acceptable in society.

Without support from families, friends, and society accepting anything other than a thin body, this situation will not improve. It is sad for an article to reinforce the notion that it is cool to be thin when such a condition is serious and even deadly if not treated. It is flippant remarks like these that reinforce the stigma surrounding eating disorders. Life-threatening diseases are not something someone chooses and they are definitely not good material for wanna-be humour writers.

BARBARA HENNIG
PHYS ED AND REC I

Good will on campus

I left a sports jacket at a table in HUB Mall Tuesday morning, with my Visa card in a pocket. I remembered this in late afternoon, but no appropriate place to check was open. I called Security the next morning, and there it was, with Visa card, thanks to some endearingly honest soul. That's a nice comment on our campus atmosphere.

JOHN CHARLES
RUTHERFORD LIBRARY

Those cat ladies are totally crazy

For those of you who don't know, the cat ladies are on trial. That's

right, those crazy women from south of campus who had hundreds of cats—dead and alive—running around or smelling around their house face several counts of animal-neglect-related charges. What got to me, however, was their comments to the media the other day when they emerged from the courthouse: they said that they were doing God's work and that only God could judge them for their actions.

Well, I'm sorry, but I live in that neighborhood and I judge the state of that house and the state of those animals to be totally beyond belief. When they tore that place down it stank for blocks, and there were diseased strays roaming the neighborhood for days. I live near the place, but I can only begin to imagine what the immediate neighbors must have had to contend with, and must still contend with as far as damage to their property values. But neither they nor I have the power to judge them, only the courts do. God doesn't even enter into it. And as far as they think he

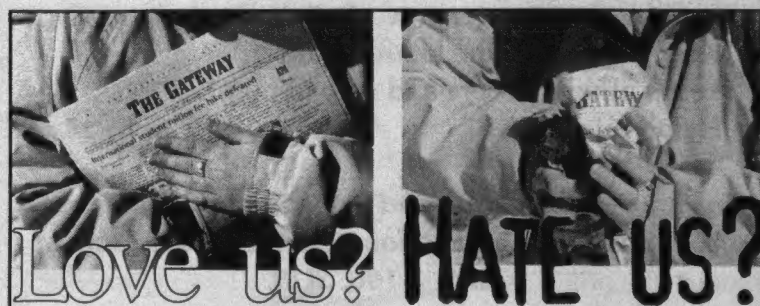
does, they're crazy. Nobody would treat a single animal like that, let alone a pack of them, if they had even a sliver of moral goodness in them. These people need some kind of help, sure, but more importantly, we need to be protected from them. I hope they throw the book at them.

JEFF RAMOS
CHEMISTRY II

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Smarter or stupider?



Ever feel like you're totally out of place intellectually? Well, we've got some tips for you.

Leanne Fong and Yunn Au-Yeung / THE GATEWAY



Don Iveson

Do you ever get the feeling that everyone around you is either way smarter or way stupider than you? It always seems to be one or the other for me. But rather than skulk away antisocially, there are some things you can do to "stay cool" no matter how vast the gulf is between you and the others.

Let's begin with the stupid. The first thing to avoid doing is pointing out how you feel about them. You can be quite correct, but telling people what you think of them—especially if it's not good—is a sure way to blow your cover. And your cover is key, because, with it intact, these people can be easily manipulated to do your bidding. They are stupid, remember?

Blending in requires that you understand their "simple" nature. Usually this is quite easy to accomplish since the weak mind is typically attached to a loud mouth. By listening you can quickly learn the key words of the group: they are often "Backstreet," "WWF," "Friends," or "Canadian Alliance." Once you know which pop-culture references are en vogue, you are well on your way to fitting in.

Now comes the restraint. Even though you may well be aware of more complicated social and political trends, bringing any level of analysis to the discussion is a grievous faux-pas. People unable to comprehend your synthesis will turn on you and resent your deeper understanding of the world. Or, even worse, they may misconstrue your legitimate knowledge as some sort of posing, which will only serve to make them believe that they are smarter than you. Ironical as this is, it should be avoided at all costs.

The goal here is not to establish yourself as superior, but to give you something to do when every-

one else around is hopelessly dim.

In non-social contexts, such as the classroom, it is advisable that you simply keep quiet. Demonstrating your superior mental dexterity will only cause people to look to you for answers, and try to pair up with you on group projects. The best way to prevent this is to give no hints that you have the edge on others. Besides, again, listening to the thoughts of the analytically challenged can be a source of some small amusement; making astute comments will only intimidate them into silence and eliminate the one source of humour in your academic life.

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Practically speaking, it is most imperative that you not give stupid people any reason to cheat off you during exams. This will only work against you on the curve: their mark goes up, yours goes down. However, if people persist in cheating off you then there are some small steps you can take. On multiple choice exams, do not fill out the bubble sheet until you are done. Instead, circle the answers in your book as you go through—do it noticeably and attract as much attention to it as you can. The key, then, is to circle the answer above that which you think is correct: B for C, D for A, and so on. Should people cheat off you, even if you're wrong, they still have at least a two out of three chance of also being wrong. In this way you can help ensure that their shitty mark will be to your advantage on the curve.

Occasionally, however, we find ourselves on the bottom end of that curve. Sometimes it turns out that the smarty-pants are simply less ignorant than you, but a change in subject will reveal this. Still, from time to time the group really does have you at a disadvantage. Don't worry, there are always ways to

stay included. Remember, these are the people who you want to leech off of, so this is important.

Really well-read people tend to drop the names of a lot of philosophers and thinkers, or make obscure literary allusions. You too can do this, it just takes a little work. Here are some key words matched with names to drop: alienation = Karl Marx; ego = Sigmund Freud; angst = Friedrich Nietzsche; invisible hand = Adam Smith; utilitarianism = Jeremy Bentham or JS Mill; *Realpolitik* = Otto von Bismarck; the ghost in the machine (mind/body split) = Rene Descartes; and existentialism = Jean-Paul Sartre or Søren Kierkegaard. This is but a short list, though it will help to get you started—with Arts students, anyway. (Don't worry, I only know these names. Most of the ideas are completely alien to me. But I've said too much ...) Just make sure that you can pronounce them correctly.

If you're an engineer or a science student, try to make it an ethical discussion about the role of science, or medicine. If all else fails, open it up on abortion or euthanasia or capital punishment—these don't require any specific knowledge, just a loud opinion.

If all else fails, almost any discussion can be linked to the "neo-conservative revolution." Even super-smart people will bend to you here, since none of them would ever support the kind of no-consequence free-market madness that this entails.

But, should the "neo conservative" card fail, the word "neo" can be added to almost any idea. The best one might be neo-existentialism. If anyone asks what you mean (since I'm pretty sure this "idea" doesn't even exist) then simply scoff, and tell them to visit a library. You will be the king of the intellectual hill.

In any case, the overall strategy is to avoid ideas and focus on specifics with stupid people, and avoid specifics and pretend at ideas with smart people. By following these strategies, I guarantee that you will never be an outcast. And that's what we all want, isn't it? Sweet, sweet inclusion.

Next time, teach me to think for myself



Alan Wharmby

These are my last few weeks of university life. Having received both my bachelors and masters degrees in engineering, I feel that something is missing. Although I've received a great amount of technical information over the years, I've received surprisingly little information on how to properly implement any of what I've learned. So, before I finally leave the world of academia, I would like to pass on to younger engineers and scientists one of the better pieces of insight I've gained from the six years I've spent here.

From the start of my engineering education, I was taught to "work hard and play hard." But a very full course load leaves virtually no time for engineers to learn to question the use of technology, or their role in the broader societal context. There just isn't enough time for this. In effect, engineers are taught to be obedient, to always work extra hard to implement new advances in science and technology to their fullest. It rarely seems to come into question whether the purpose of the work is ethical.

I believe that engineering and science students need to be encouraged to discuss these important issues from the onset of their education. From my own experience, there was almost no emphasis on this.

This isn't just an engineering problem. Society on a whole does little to question the progression of science and technology. Instead, the world progresses on blindly, for the most part accepting the technological gadgetry as an improvement in our lifestyles. In a very general way, the engineers blindly design and make products, while the people blindly accept them.

On a university level, were the ONEcards an improvement over the old system? What about the new fee payment software that the administration implemented? On a more broad level, what about using Asbestos for insulation? Chlorofluorocarbons? The atomic bomb? Indeed all of these can be argued as having benefited civilization in certain ways, but their implementation was not debated. Now these artifacts range from simple pains in the ass (the ONEcards) to full-blown threats to civilization itself (the atomic bomb).

But I am digressing. To get back to my education, or lack thereof, I believe that engineering and science students need to be encouraged to discuss these important issues from the onset of their education. From my own experience, there was almost no emphasis on this. Yes, there is an ethics test an

engineer must pass before being deemed a "Professional Engineer," but should ethics be a final step, or should it be integrated throughout the whole education process? After two degrees, I tend to believe in the latter.

A university education in engineering is meant to give qualifications to an individual above and beyond those available through a technical school. This, so far, has been in the form of a deeper technological background. But I suggest that the teaching that university engineers receive which sets them apart from technical schools should come in the form of a deeper ethical and moral understanding. Removal of some of the technical classes so that engineers have time to learn more of the ethical character of their studies would be more beneficial, and provide that distinct difference between the university and technical schools.

As the designers and implementers of technology, more responsibility should be placed with those who do the actual work, not in the hands of some military head or corporate businessman who has very little knowledge of the technology, but instead uses it for his own gain. A true education for our engineers and scientists would democratize the way we think about and use technology.

Riding the boredom wave (or studying)



Chris Boutet

When you need advice on something, who are you gonna turn to? Your mom? Dad? The guy at Mac's who is always working when you decide to buy some pornography? Well, even though you two may have grown closer due to the personal nature of your purchases, all he knows is pornography. No, you insolent fools, you ask me, The Most Arrogant First Year Student on Campus.

With finals beginning to poke their rat bastard heads around our collective corner, some starry-eyed momma's boys have already begun to study, regardless of the fact that we have so, so much time. What's the hurry, book-reading guy? Don't want to fail your Stats exam? Well, with these few helpful tips I have compiled over my tour of duty here, you'll be able to get a "9" with minimal work and take a shower. So quit eating those cheese puffs, because I don't want you getting my article all greasy and orange. Anyhow, here is yet another eye-catching list of tips and suggestions from Chris Boutet, The Most Arrogant First Year on Campus.

Study Tip 1: Don't study while drinking at RATT. Or

Drink before an exam. I think it does something to lower your inhibitions and relax you, therefore making you choose what you feel to be the most logical answer, even if you have no idea what the question is asking.

Power Plant, or Dewey's. I really can't stress this enough, people. This is right up there with not poking your eye out. Beer and its related alcoholic compatriots are what we in the industry call "anti-learners." They actually go in your head and steal any thoughts you had about doing well in your course, and then they release tiny little Destructobots into your bloodstream that eat your face from the inside out. Well, not really. But you can spill beer on your textbook, which I guess is pretty bad, because then you can't sell it.

Study Tip 2: Do, however, drink before an exam. I dunno, it's been working for me. I think it does something to lower your inhibitions and relax you, therefore making you choose what you feel to be the most logical answer, even if you have no idea what the question is asking. Having to pee like a diseased wizard also prevents you from wasting time checking your answers, and subsequently changing them. No time for second guesses, just stumble in there, slam your HB into the computer sheet fifty times, and stumble out.

Study Tip 3: Don't hit the books in space. There's no oxygen. I shouldn't have to tell you this.

Study Tip 4: The library is a surprisingly shitty place to study. Make your decision now: do you want to learn something, or

squirm like a broken jellyfish in the most uncomfortable chairs under the sun? You might as well be sitting on a fire hydrant covered in ants that is, ironically, on fire. It's that bad.

Study Tip 5: Profs don't actually read essays. If you're in a class artsy enough to require an essay in your final, write a really good introduction, and a flourishing finish. Then fill the middle with whatever lame crap you want. Just make the outer shell the best part, like a reverse Pop Tart. Professors are a world-weary and easily confused bunch. By the time they get to your paper, all they're thinking about is if they can afford a bottle of Wild Turkey, or if it's going to be yet another Big Bear night. Poor university professors. Can't we all shed a tear for them?

On the other hand, Peter Weller was known to wear pants in the film *Robocop* from time to time. And isn't that what really matters? Oh, wait, that's not what I was talking about at all. How embarrassing. Anyway, it's been a long year for all of us, and it's going to get even longer as our social lives are systematically destroyed by "The Man" over the next three weeks. But bear with it, and keep what knowledge I've given to you close to your hearts. And for God's sake, buy me a beer next time you see me: The Most Arrogant First Year on Campus.

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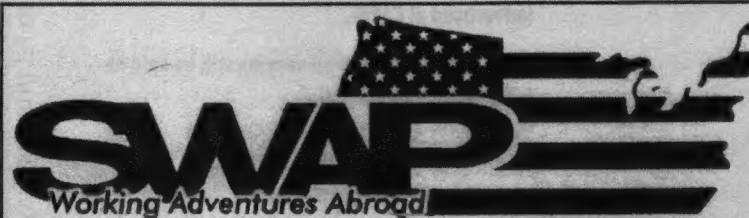
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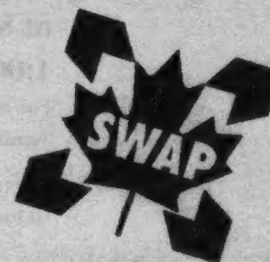
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Dave Alexander

When I was a wee lad I really wanted to be the Incredible Hulk. I spent all those hours in front of our giant 1970s microwave breathing in the exhaust in the hopes that I would radiate myself sufficiently to become a mutant super hero. The closest I ever came to achieving this goal was when my hair began to fall out in chunks and I got really queasy all the time. Maybe I should have eaten more of that horrific early microwave food if I wanted to really get some weird shit in my system.

Anyhow, more than anything I wanted to be a super hero when I was little. So thank God for the wonderful people who made Underoos. Do you remember Underoos? They were briefs for kids that came with a matching T-shirt. They had all the big name super heroes, plus *Star Wars* characters, and Barbie for girls. I had Batman, Spider-man, Superman, Aquaman, The Flash, and I think Yoda, which was pretty lame because it was just picture of

him on a green shirt, unlike the others ones that had an official super hero logo emblazoned on the chest. I was also lucky enough to have Batman and Superman pajamas, which came with capes and full-length bottoms. Not only did this provide me with the entire super hero wardrobe to wear everywhere, it was the only time in recorded history that a child was actually excited to receive underwear or pajamas for their birthday.

Still, as hard as I ran and as high as I jumped, I simply could not fly. But luckily I had a super-vehicle. The bright yellow plastic three-wheeled Big Wheel was the only fitting means of transportation for a child who was unable to run very fast because he was wearing his winter boots in the summer. I rode up and down our driveway, cape flapping in the breeze and sweat pouring in my heavy footwear, fighting imaginary crime. This was as about as cool as you could get at age four. At least, it was until I tried riding backwards, and my cape got sucked into the rear wheels, choking me. It took all my

super strength just to undo the tiny button that was digging into my throat. After that, I swallowed my pride and rode sans-cape.

This never would have happened had I been the Incredible Hulk. He's such a Bad Mo-Fo that he doesn't even wear a shirt, much less a cape. But, though he drips with testosterone, he's definitely lacking in brains. And why did his alter-ego Bruce Banner insist on wearing the same purple pants all the time? Did he get a really good deal at Costco, or was he trying to pre-accessorize with the green skin? It's a good thing he didn't wear green pants or he would have looked naked from a distance. I bet he was so angry all the time because those tiny purple cut-offs were cutting into his hulking nuts. They were probably swelled up like a couple of hairy limes. But I still wanted to be like him.

The allure of the Incredible Hulk was that he's the rebel of all the other super heroes, more of an anti-hero. When you're a kid, the Hulk is very empowering. As Bruce Banner, he's a little egghead that no one respects or listens to, but piss him off and he's 1200 pounds of fury. No one ever told the Hulk to go his room for leaving vegetables on his plate.

Maybe there's more to it than this. Maybe the Hulk appeals to Canadians. We're always the polite country who never really pisses anyone off or gets noticed. Yet our secret fantasy is to turn into the Hulk and go ape-shit, doing whatever we please—like the US does most of the time.

Maybe we want to wear the purple cut-offs for a while. I don't know if this is true, but I do know that the Hulk would have been a lot more comfortable in something stretchy like Spandex, Lycra, or at least sweat pants. I bet the he would have been loads happier in a nice breathable pair of cotton Underoos. I sure as hell wouldn't have suggested it to him, though. He probably would have yelled something like, "Hulk smash!" and then thrown a couch at my head.

DAVE ALEXANDER'S TOP TEN

Things your penis might say if it could talk

- 10 Hey, you'd miss the bowl sometimes too if you only had one eye. Seriously, I haven't been active for weeks, so I'd advise against the sweatpants.
- 9 In and out, in and out, make up your damn mind!
- 8 I'm tired of just hanging around. Let's fire-up some porno.
- 7 Jesus Christ! When did my balls get so freakin' hairy? How about trimming your nuts, wolfman?
- 6 Fine, don't jerkoff, we'll see who has a wet dream during the camping trip next week.
- 5 You got that rubber? Good, now cover me, I'm going in. And don't stop 'til I start shooting.
- 4 Here's the deal. You stop cramming me into those idiotic Zebra-print briefs, and I won't tell anyone about the time you tried to screw your grandpa's birdhouse.
- 3 Shut the fuck up, brain. When it comes to sex, I make all the decisions.
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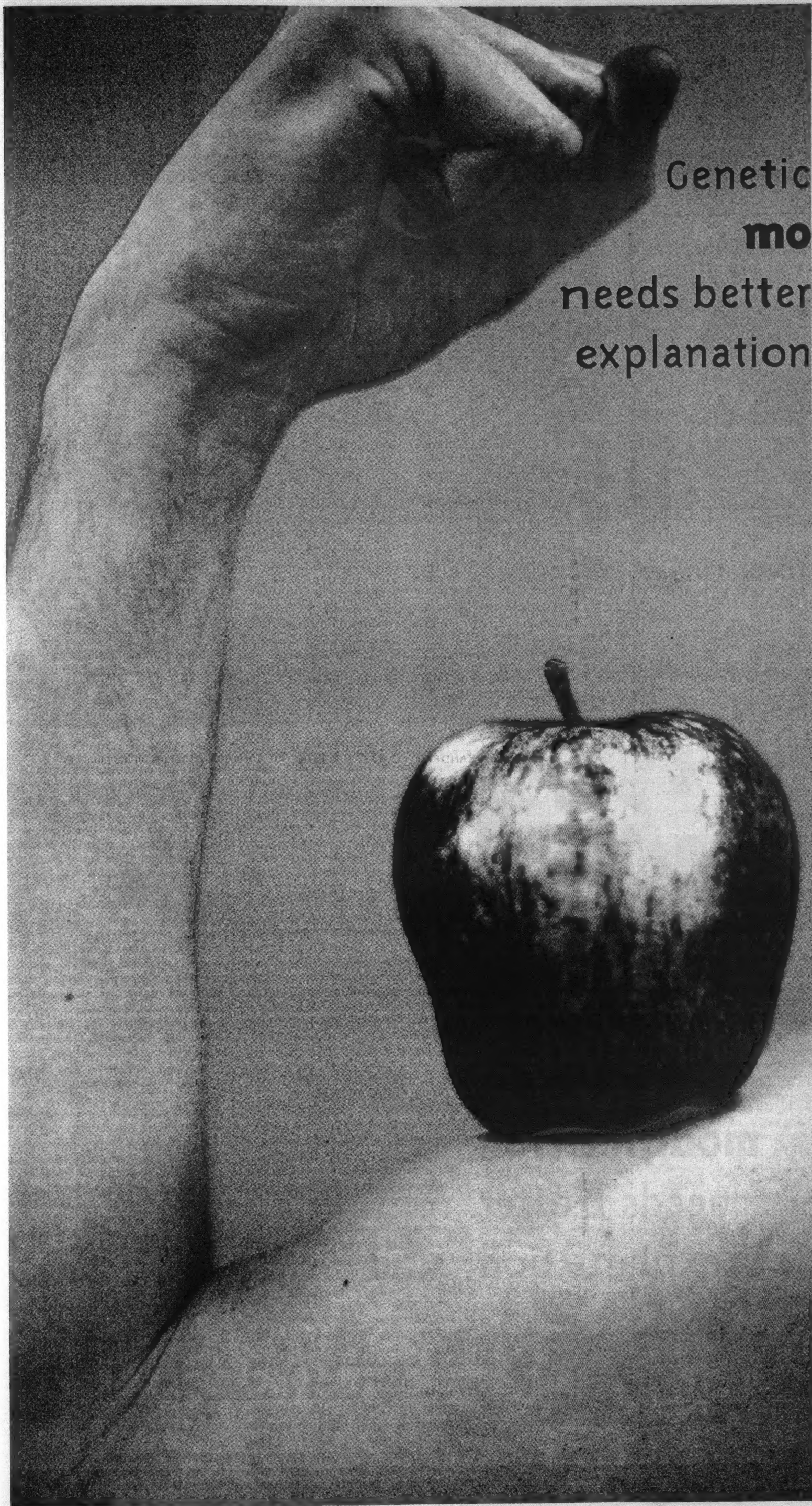
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In the past few months, I'm sure you have seen the abbreviations GE and GM used to denote something other than General Electric and General Motors. Genetically Engineered or Genetically Modified foods are a hot topic, with organizations like Greenpeace campaigning to have genetically-modified-organisms (GMOs) segregated and labeled. Many people are concerned with the issues surrounding GMOs, while others dismiss the hype as originating from the paranoia of environmentalists. Although this may indeed be the case, it is still a good idea to learn more about what many consider to be a serious potential threat to all living organisms, including us. That's right. This issue goes beyond what kind of potatoes McCain is using to make your Superfries.

What makes GM foods different?

It's true that our ancestors have been using the tricks of Mendelian genetics throughout the history of husbandry on this planet. If corn plant A is resistant to the cold, and corn plant B produces large, juicy kernels, then breed the two to get plant C which resists frigid temperatures and bears large, juicy kernels. That's been happening forever. What's different about this new approach is that we are no longer limited to breeding corn plant with corn plant. Here's an example:

A certain bacteria contains a toxin that is capable of killing insect corn pests. The scientists capture this bacteria, grind it up, isolate its DNA, and find which of its thousands of genes carries the message to terminate the corn pests. That's the hard part. Then they use a few fancy genetic techniques to put the gene into the corn plant. Now the corn plant will automatically produce the corn-pest-killing toxin, as will its offspring, for it's now written in the genetic code. Presto! Thousands of

acres of corn have been saved from the corn pest without applying an ounce of chemical. You have also just produced a GMO. This particular GMO has been around for many years, so unless you've never eaten corn, chances are good that you've eaten this one. The bacteria from which we isolated the toxic genes, known as *bacillus thuringiensis*, or bt, is currently present in approximately one third of our corn.

What are the benefits of GM foods?

There are many benefits suggested by GM food advocates. The principle arguments center around the general benefits to all mankind, critical in a world with an exponentially growing population.

These include the following:

- Genetic modification will increase the quantity and availability of food worldwide. Many parts of the world do not have environmental conditions suitable to grow food, be it their high temperatures, lack of water, or nutrient-poor soil. What if we took the drought-resistant genes of the Arizona cacti and spliced them into staple food crops like rice or potatoes, allowing them to grow under desert conditions? The creation of GM bananas that are resistant to fungus is one of many projects in the works. Inventions like this could lead to a phenomenal revolution in the history of agriculture, and of mankind.

- Genetic modification will increase the quality of our food. Perhaps one day we'll be able to pick and chose the nutrients we get from a potato. Need a little iron, take potato number 37. Rice is currently being engineered to contain more nutrients. Another idea that's gaining popularity is to create foods that produce antibodies to common ill-



nesses. Instead of getting an immunization shot, you can eat a banana to get the same effect. This would be particularly useful in third-world countries that are in need of these services. The possibilities are endless.

- Using genetically engineered foods will substantially reduce the amount of pesticides and herbicides we use on our crops. If the plants themselves kill their pests, there is no longer any need for chemical application. Another possibility is that the plants are resistant to the toxins, so that spraying your crops will not harm the food you eat.

- There is no harm to other organisms, unless of course you want there to be. Biodiversity will not be threatened, as seeds from all the parent (non-genetically engineered) crops are stored safely in seed depositories, accessible whenever we need them. We can pick and chose the desirable traits and banish the undesirables in the foods we eat, all with the help of genetic engineering.

This is the perfect plan to save mankind from the obvious problems of overpopulation. To hell with Malthus: we have a new weapon. If only this were unconditionally true.

Why are GM foods potentially harmful?

Lets take a look at these benefits in a more realistic light.

- Quantity and availability. Don't kid yourself—world hunger is related to the distribution, not the availability, of food. This problem has nothing to do with genetic engineering directly, but is due to a society in which our major resources are controlled by a select few. Equal distribution of any resource is a myth. According to current stats, North Americans are getting fatter by the minute, yet world hunger persists—

unequal distribution at it's best, or should I say worst. It is for this reason that I have serious doubts about the capacity of GM foods to solve world hunger. GMOs are produced by only a few corporations around the world, the biggest of these being Monsanto in the United States. The potential to cash in on this new technology is incredible, and we, as consumers, need to recognize the effect this could have on us. So much power in the hands of few could have the potential for disaster.

- The increased quality of GM foods is subjective, and like all other areas of this topic, it is constantly debated. We now have tomatoes with incredibly long shelf-lives (GMOs), but in regards to nutritional value, most studies find no detectable difference between GM and non-GM foods.

- We've all heard of the negative impacts of pesticides and herbicides on our environment. Many GM plants are modified to be herbicide-resistant, or to produce natural pesticides (like the bt corn, sometimes known as maize). The GMO manufacturers claim that fewer chemicals will be used as a result of these great innovations, but studies show that that chemical use is actually increasing. Since our crop is resistant to herbicides, additional spraying will only harm the weeds, right? Not necessarily. These chemicals are still on our food, and it is for this reason that many people are taking a more serious look at the organic label.

- GMO's are not necessarily harmless. Let's not forget the case of L-tryptophan, a dietary supplement fed therapeutically to human patients: 37 died and 1500 were partially paralyzed, resulting in the discontinuation of the product. Can this be excused as a kink in a new product that has recently been ironed out? More recently, we heard about the endangered monarch

butterfly being killed by the pollen of maize (bt corn), but this is not a problem of untargeted organisms being affected. Maize is intended to kill lepidopteran pests of corn, but unfortunately it cannot distinguish between good butterflies and bad ones. Another potential threat of GMOs is that they will crossbreed with related wild organisms and pass on their lab-acquired traits. These new, wild super-organisms may not be subject to regular population checks like insects or drought. This tolerance could lead to the colonization of huge areas and the destruction of entire ecosystems. The simple justification is to keep the GMOs separate from our regular food. Problem: GMOs are our regular food.

Where are they?

GM plants farmed in Canada are not of the ornamental, unessential variety. They include approximately one third of our corn, soybeans, canola, potatoes, tomatoes, squash, and other produce—adding up to an estimated two thirds of the products at our supermarkets. Keep in mind how many processed foods have corn or canola oil listed as an ingredient. This GM issue gets personal when we consider that we are eating these foods against our knowledge or will. The issue is now focused on our fundamental public right as Canadians to know what we are being fed.

Why label?

- We have the right to know. The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) has concluded that there is no risk in eating GM foods, and therefore there is no need to label them. Is that good enough for you to know that our government has okayed this relatively new technology, even though numerous scientists are still unsure? Genes from major allergens such as nuts are not allowed to be spliced into our food, but what about every non-average

allergen? There are other considerations beyond allergies, including those people with religious or ethical reasons to not eat food from certain organisms. A GM label would allow people to avoid these foods if need be. These are things that we, as consumers, need to be made aware of, regardless of how low-risk the FDA claims GMOs to be.

- Labeling will put increased pressure on the GM manufacturers to prove the safety of their products. Currently, there are no specific scientific standards that must be met before this food is put on our plates. Most importantly, there are no time restrictions on the testing that must be done. Long term testing is critical in something as potentially dangerous as genetically altering our food. The more consumers know, the more we can demand to know.

- The public wants these foods labeled. We want the choice and the government knows it. Yes, it will cost money. It also cost money to put nutritional information on water bottles. If Genetic Engineering is really mankind's saving grace, the price of a few labels is a small one, indeed.

What can you do?

Demand the choice you're entitled to. If you don't want to be consuming this stuff, then you shouldn't be coerced to. If you really don't care about GMOs one way or another, don't you believe, at least, that you have the right to determine what you eat? Compulsory labeling of GM foods is not radical; it's common sense. The GM component should be listed, just like any other ingredient.

Write to your representatives. If you want something, you have to ask for it. Ask for more info, ask for some proof, ask for the right to know what you're eating.

Why? Because Chixdiggit!

REVIEW

Chixdiggit
with Greater Than Less Than
23 March
Power Plant

Adam Wiley

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Last Thursday night, the patrons of the Power Plant were treated to one of the biggest spectacles of sound and light known to man. The rock and roll juggernaut known as Chixdiggit were looking to take a break from their hectic recording schedule, and at the same time, take a bite out of the river city's ass. The show started quite a bit later than the expected starting time of 9 PM. I wasn't incredibly surprised to find out that Chixdiggit were running late. In fact, I kind of expected it. Regardless of that, the show went on, and what a show it was.

First up was local band Greater Than Less Than. They played poppy rock, kind of like a quieter Samiam. They managed to keep the crowd fairly interested with a relatively long set. They genuinely appeared to be happy to be there, which, in turn, made people happy that they were there. One thing I noticed was that the singer kept swinging his arms for the entire show. It didn't really give to, or take away from the performance, it was just kind of quirky. The last time I saw them I wasn't incredibly impressed, but this time, they managed to put on a fairly solid show, and they definitely managed to warm up the audience.

After a short break, Calgary's Chixdiggit stepped up. From the moment they took the stage, it was evident they were there to rock. The lead singer immediately went into his rock star pose, and stayed there for most of the show, while the bassist and guitarist bounced around like big punk rock bunnies. They also stopped between every song to get the people to cheer for something. Targets ranged from shoes to hair, and everything inbetween.

In addition to their rock star antics, Chixdiggit cranked out some of the most upbeat, happy punk rock that Canada has to offer. They played tons of tunes from their two albums, including "Chupacabra,"



Chixdiggit, always crowd-pleasers, kicked it up last Thursday at the Power Plant.

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"Shadowy Bangers From a Shadowy Duplex," and the fan favourite, "I Wanna Hump You." I found it odd that they didn't play too many new songs since the show took place right before they started to record

their new album, but they may be keeping those songs under a veil of secrecy until the album comes out.

Their set went on into the wee hours of the morning. Judging by their swaggers, some of

the people probably didn't have too much fun Friday morning, but they were obviously pretty happy Thursday night, and that's the goal of any Chixdiggit show. Overall, a worthwhile night.

Edmonton's own Tibetan Freedom Concert

PREVIEW

Tibetan Freedom Concert
Cool Blue Method with Burning House,
Spoil Five and Rat's Ass
The Rev
31 March

Theo Buchinskias

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

"If Tibet is destroyed, we will lose one of the most important achievements in human history: the values of nonviolence and compassion that have been cultivated over centuries in Tibet." — Sean Lennon.

Musicians speaking out on the plight of the Tibetan people isn't a new thing. Neither is the idea of throwing a Tibetan Freedom Concert: the Beastie Boys started in San Francisco back in 1996. It is new to Edmonton, however, and while you won't be seeing the Beastie Boys, organizer Sam Price assures that those in attendance will be in

for a fun evening, and will also go away having learned something. Price stated that the reason they chose to go with a concert was that it will interest students, and give them the chance to not only have a night out on the town, but also get involved in a good cause.

Students for a Free Tibet just started here in Edmonton, and the group is using the concert as a way of gaining interest, and giving their inception a kick-start. It is also being used as a fundraiser to help in bringing Palden Gyatso, a Tibetan Monk who spent 33 years in prison, to speak on May 4.

Four local bands are lending their talent for the show, including up-and-coming group Cool Blue Method. Apparently all the bands were eager to take part in the event, especially Cool Blue Method, whose lead singer has actually done an Elvis impersonation for the Dalai Lama.

In addition to the bands, SFT will also be showing a couple of informational videos, and handing out information. Those in attendance are encouraged to bring an open mind, and be ready to learn something.



The Mants lay waste to the Sidetrack

REVIEW

The Mants
with *Les Tabernacle*, *Nevertheless* and
The Hunters
Sidetrack Café
27 March

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There is something surreal about a watching a trio of ants in suits singing about destroying the earth. Especially when they are singing in English (albeit garbled) instead of some strange ant-speak. Had you shown up at the Sidetrack Monday, you would have been treated to the musical stylings of these insectoid rockers. Part rock, part roll, with a little surf and a lot of energy, these mutant invaders laid waste to the other bands (with the exception of Les Tabernacle).

Unfortunately the evening started off late, thanks to the opening band, the Hunters. It seems like the local "glam rock" band felt like they could take their time. It wasn't worth it.

Starting well over an hour later, the Mants had what looked like the bastard child of Sebastian Bach introduce them with a parental warning. While the band did warn the audience of their vulgarity, they neglected to mention the fact that they were awful. With big hair, tight leather, and AC/DC and Def Leppard shirts on, they proceeded to do covers of other bands songs. "Rock you like

a hurricane" and some song by Twisted Sister were both mangled.

Sadly, the best part was probably the lead singer, who sounded like that 80-year-old aunt who drinks way too much whiskey and has throat cancer. If it weren't for their stage presence, the band wouldn't have much, but they did manage to get people jumping off their seats. If you find glam rock amusing, the hunters can probably provide you with your fix.

Nevertheless was up next. The band was mostly instrumental, but seemed to lack the confidence that the Hunters had an overabundance of. The lead singer made a number of apologies during the show, and even went so far as to talk about other bands to illicit cheers. They would have come off better if they hadn't spent so much time in the middle of their set asking the audience if their instruments sounded tuned.

However, the evening picked up with the appearance of Les Tabernacle. The band had energy and talent. The guitarist was great, and even though the singer was simply screaming some of the time, it still sounded good. The band had a good presence, and showed a real commitment to drunken debauchery when one band member offered to suck cock for a Labatt Blue. Thankfully, the next time the Mants are in town, they will be playing with Les Tabernacle.

Then it was time. Instead of crashing through the ceiling in their spaceship and killing all non-Mant life-forms in the room, the Mants took the stage as any normal group would, other than the fact that they all were wearing ant masks. It was like watch-

ing a musical version of Them! without all the killing and nuclear radiation. Despite having a new drummer (Bryce, who said this was his first show) the Mants put on a great show. Antennae flying, they went straight into "Insecticide." There were songs with titles like "Mants in the Pants," "The Mants! The Mants!," and "Red Monkey."

Unfortunately, the band didn't give themselves much time between songs for banter, crowd appreciation or just a general cool-down period. I suppose this could be blamed on the Hunters being "dysfunctional and lazy." The masks made what banter they had a little hard to discern, but I do believe that I caught cholestomy bag.

I also had the same problem with their lyrics, but I did manage to catch the gem "You're so afraid of the Mants, you're gonna shit your pants." As this spectacle was taking place, two older, drunker gentlemen asked each other rhetorically "what happened to our youth?"

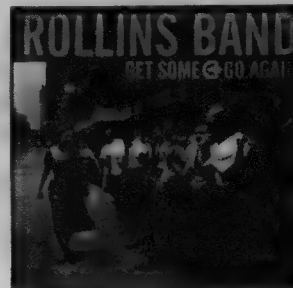
Unfortunately the band did not come back for an encore, despite pounding and screaming by the audience, which had been slightly reduced thanks to the late hour. However, they will be back in town to satiate Edmonton's lust for half-man, half-animal bands on the 13th. This time they will be at the Likwid Lounge, but if you miss that they are planning to release a CD on Lance Rock Records some time soon.

Though the night didn't end in an unholy bloodbath, it was a blast. Despite going to the show with great expectations (it was a band that played as world destroying Mants) I wasn't disappointed.

CD REVIEW

Rollins Band
Get Some Go Again
Dreamworks

Dave Alexander
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF



Henry Rollins has built a career around angrily detailing the isolation and loathing that constructs his interior landscape. As always, his growling vocals are accompanied by an excellent backing band (a trio named Mother Superior this time) that drive the songs along with pounding bass and wailing guitars. As Rollins approaches 40, he appears to be lightening up a bit. The humour that characterises his spoken-word performances has found its way into his newest album. He also does an expert job of kicking the piss out of the Los Angeles rock star scene. The final 15-minute (unlisted) track, "L.A. Money Train," features former MC5 member Wayne Kramer playing guitar while Rollins makes scathingly funny observations about the soulless, greed-driven music industry. He balances this by mocking his own music with the addition of a saxophone, designed to give "a glimpse of [his] new-found maturity." The best joke on the album is "Are You Ready?" a song constructed entirely out of clichéd rock phrases and cheesy guitar riffs. Like most of his newer albums, some of the tracks become repetitive and tedious. However, songs such as the lyrically brilliant "Illumination," are classic Rollins anthems exploding with intense imagery and head-banging ferocity. Do yourself a favour and get some.

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Assassinating the fashion assassins



FEATURE

Terra Bell
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An essential part of the annual Academy Awards celebration is the delight in watching the spectacle of the rich and famous compete for positions on the multitude of best-dressed lists.

Those of us mortals who will never be on television, the cover of a magazine, or have the opportunity to wear a \$20 000 dress, can take great pleasure criticizing those who do.

Take, for example, the March 28 edition of *The Edmonton Journal*. The front page of the Entertainment section was an article titled "Oscar's Fashion Assassins," written by self-proclaimed "fashion diva" Jean Fraser.

With the aid of Louise Dirks ("shoe guru, Gravity Pope"), and Paul Mather ("a Prince Phillip of style—always two steps behind"), the threesome took aim at a cross-section of famous female performers. Among those targeted were Best Actress winner Hilary Swank, Best Supporting Actor winner Angelina Jolie, supermodel Tyra Banks, and

Canadian singer Sarah McLachlan.

These articles are typically shallow criticisms of physical appearance, however, mocking someone for their choice of dress is one thing and making fun of their age and body type is another thing altogether. In the article, Fraser praises Nicole Kidman for being, "slim, regal and young," while noting about Jolie that "black doesn't always make you look slimmer."

Fraser and Dirks similarly attack sixtysomething Jane Fonda on the appearance of her neck.

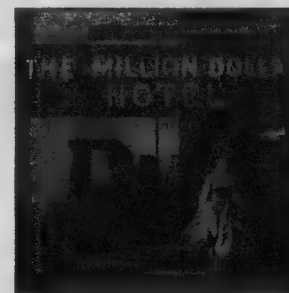
By far the worst comments were directed at McLachlan, who recently gave birth. Fraser asked, "Is she in the running for the tagline 'It's not over till the fat lady sings?'" These kinds of crass comments give the impression that women should be ashamed for aging, being larger than a size ten, or being a mother.

This type of irresponsible journalism incites women to strive for unattainable stereotypical ideals. Media coverage of this sort sends out the message that a woman's value lies chiefly in her exterior appearance. While the article might have been some attempt at humour, it came across as malicious and stupid.

CD REVIEW

Various Artists
The Million Dollar Hotel
Island Records

Kris Berezanski
Arts & Entertainment Staff



The only reason anyone has heard of this movie is because U2 is on the soundtrack, and because it comes from the genius mind of Wim Wenders. I'm not saying this is a bad soundtrack, but it lacks in energy. Imagine entering a '50s style lounge at two in the morning, it's almost dead and the band is just jamming because it has run out of songs to play, then you are in the Million Dollar Hotel. There are some haunting moments though, such as Milla Jovovich whispering Lou Reed's Satellite of Love, and Bonos excursion into the realms of jazz. This CD is late night mood music and is good for what it is trying to represent, but if this is any indication of the direction that U2 is taking for their next CD, beware.

CD REVIEW

Black Rob
Life Story
Bad Boy Records

Vanessa McLeod
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two of the tracks; Black Rob is a strong enough lyricist that he really doesn't need them. Rap fans be warned: it seems as though Black Rob has been selected as the chosen one to bring creditability back to the Bad Boy label.

A hardcore rap album released on Bad Boy Records? Up until the release of Black Rob's debut album, *Life Story*, that statement had been an oxymoron. However, Black Rob shares the gritty details of his rough upbringing, laced over hardcore beats. The only problem with this album is the ever-present list of guest appearances on all but



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Life as a student athlete isn't much of a life

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GUELPH (CUP) — Just some of the challenges that varsity athletes face: studying for a genetics midterm in the dark on the bus to Windsor; writing a physics exam in a Halifax hotel room; missing a Friday history seminar for a tournament in Calgary.

Some athletes flourish under these conditions. Others put their athletic and academic futures in jeopardy.

Each year, between September and March, over 12,000 student athletes across Canada participate in eleven sport disciplines with a schedule of close to 3,000 events.

Student athletes are provided with the best competition there is to offer in Canada. It also provides a challenge to those with poor time-management skills.

Many top-level athletes are also excellent students. For instance, last year there were 38 athletes at the University of Guelph (U of G) who attained an 80 per cent average or higher for two consecutive semesters.

Although these numbers appear very comforting, they mean nothing to the student athletes who are not pulling in top grades.

The shock of entering university is a lot for any student to take, let alone "practicing and training" for over three hours per day.

"Most student athletes go through some rough times," said Chris O'Rourke, head coach of the University of Guelph's men's basketball team. "Sometimes you can get caught."

A low mid-term score or a bad final can put a student on academic probation.

In a semestered school this can happen very quickly. If you don't tell anybody, you can get into trouble. Athletes must maintain the same academic standing as non-athletes, but need to take a minimum number of credits to play.

"I focused all of my energy on the court, and not enough on books," said Jon DuChene, a varsity volleyball player. "Finding the balance is ... not easy."

DuChene needed to make a difficult decision to stop playing volleyball for a brief period last season.

"If you mess up your school, you give up playing your sport at a high level. If you lose one, you lose them both," he said.

Tanja Vlahovich, a varsity women's hockey player, agrees.

"It seems like a cliché when I say it, but balance separates a successful athlete from a less successful one," she said.

Vlahovich and her teammates spend up to four hours per day on the ice, in the weight room and in the change room.

"We rely on team support more than anything given by coaches or support staff," she said. "I am not even sure if we have an academic advisor this year."

Geoff Conant, a men's volleyball player, is quite frustrated this semester as two of his teammates



The life of a student athlete isn't all fun and games.

Tim Bulger / THE GATEWAY

did not return to the team after the break because of academic ineligibility.

"It seems we're losing prime athletes, when small steps could be taken," he mused.

Norm Nasser, the kicker for the U of Guelph's football team, also feels the pressures of playing without athletically eligible teammates.

"I can think of a few individuals that did not meet the requirements and were ineligible to play [this year]," he said. "Although we have over 80 players on the team, we definitely missed their contribution during the season."

"I think the issue of academics is handled quite well, with each athlete understanding what his responsibilities are. We are not paying \$10,000 a year to play football."

Some athletic departments take small steps to try to prepare athletes every fall. Some first-year athletes are required to attend an information session which highlights exam-writing techniques and time-management skills.

But Dave Copp, athletic director for the U of G, says these sessions have been less intense in recent

years because most students seem to be well-prepared.

Lianne Durand, a women's volleyball player, agrees.

"I think most athletes have come from intense high school and club programs, and have already learned how to balance academics with athletics," she said.

The U of G's men's basketball team has a special system set up for its athletes on academic probation. These athletes study for one hour after each practice under their coach's supervision.

"We can't force them to study," said O'Rourke. "But the players have agreed that this is a useful plan. A mentor program is also set up for first-year basketball players which pairs athletes with mentors that talk to the players about their studies on an ongoing basis."

Other community members have taken special interest in certain teams' academic success.

For instance, the U of G's men's hockey team has had a long-term relationship with the school's biological science counsellor. Although Copp would love to see similar programs set up for every team, he stresses that other teams

are not deprived.

He has a lot of confidence in the University's academic support system.

But what else can be done to help the percentage of the student athlete population that continues to struggle in both disciplines?

Some athletes suggest a preventive strategy, rather than a reactive one that would help struggling athletes. It may be in a university's best interest to prevent athletes from getting into trouble with their courses.

Teams would not be without talented athletes, and the students could receive the extra support that they need to succeed. A weekly study-hall session could be organized in the athletic centre. Athletic residence clusters for incoming varsity students could be initiated similar to the arts and science clusters which already exist.

This would enable athletes to have a support system set up with people who have similar schedules and time-constraints as they do.

Another possible option would be to have a specific athletic-academic counsellor who would work one-on-one with athletes throughout

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— Jon DuChene,
varsity volleyball athlete

the year. This would bridge the gap between academics and athletic problems more proactively.

Another preventive strategy would be to red-flag struggling students before they find themselves on academic probation. Athletes perform better with the ominous looming cloud of becoming academically ineligible hanging over their heads.

Many Canadian universities are proud of the fact that they field student athletes, not athletes who happen to be students.

Amherst College is an American Division III school who was recently confronted with evidence that it admitted student athletes with poor academic marks. This practice escalated after two seasons of the school fielding bad football teams.

Professors were very vocal on the matter, stating that many students were not passionate about being students, only passionate about being athletes.

"Over 90 per cent of our student athletes graduate," said U of G official Copp. "American colleges are astounded by these numbers."

A recent story out of the University of Cincinnati, a perennial NCAA basketball powerhouse, revealed that only 29 per cent of their basketball players graduate. Of these graduates, many of the players were enrolled in low-academic bird courses.

There are no bird courses at Guelph, says Copp. He explains this is one of the principal arguments against implementing athletic scholarships in Canada.

Certainly there is a fine line when student athletes stop having positive academic experiences. This exemplifies the dangers that Canadian universities will face if they start to give special privileges and make special rules for athletes.

The CIAU will be making an important decision regarding athletic scholarships in June.

Despite the challenges that athletes face, most students have many positive experiences from playing university sports. The challenges of time management and pressure are things that enable athletes to succeed in many aspects of life.

"Learning responsibility is one of the greatest parts about being a student-athlete," said coach O'Rourke.

Vlahovich is also proud of her peers who have succeeded in athletics and academics.

"I think more credit should be given to those who have done well," she said. "I hope that eventually all faculty and students realize the amount of work it takes to be a successful student athlete."

Frustration ain't pretty: take it from a loser who knows



DM Le Bray

OK. I admit that I'm not a complete loser. I'm not overwhelmed with loserishness every second of my life — I just have my moments.

First, allow me to illustrate my understanding of the frustration that comes with "not winning" (See? I'm trying to be politically correct).

Throughout the years of 1990-1996, my good friend and I were

the composition of a junior high doubles badminton team. (Ahhh, that's wonderful, man. Thanks for telling us about your illustrious youth.) Wait. I'm not done yet.

During those unforgettable years, playing badminton under the banner of a school ten minutes from the middle of nowhere, we won a grand total of ... wait for it ... ZERO matches.

But, we made the team every year. We must have been somewhat good players.

Nope. Sorry. That's what happened when only eight people try out for a ten-person squad.

Needless to say, my good buddy and I became a bit frustrated with losing again and again and again. That's where it got ugly.

You see, this type of frustration (which is primarily self-induced, in a masochistic sort-of-way) gives

way to a collection of insanity fits.

After biting the birdie for the bazillionth time, we started to do strange things. Suddenly we felt the need to dance at every point earned (fortunately, we didn't do a lot of dancing). We began to give off a warrior's scream with every attack in an effort to throw our opposition off-guard. Eventually we came to the point where we imagined we were a couple of Indiana Joneses on the court, dodging Nazi fire with our trusty whips/rackets in hand (thus limiting our winning potential further).

In retrospect, it wasn't pretty.

Now, I would like to use a more contemporary example of the madness that comes with intense frustration.

The Trinity Western University men's volleyball team visited the Bears just before Valentine's Day

this past season. It was the Spartans' final game for the year. They were the greenest team of the CIAU this season. They had lost over three quarters of their games thus far. They weren't planning on winning any more.

So, obviously, they were a bit frustrated and it started to show as their season wound into the void. Insanity was within their grasp.

You'd think this poor team would have gotten used to losing by now, but frustration is a funny thing — there's no escaping it. One defensive player could be seen oddly displacing his jaw in anticipation of the next serve. Another felt it appropriate to viciously bite the net after missing a spike. The captain of the team knew better than to use profanity on the court, so instead he felt it best to yell out a language no-one could decode. Not

even the coach of TWU was immune from the insanity.

At one point during the matches, he had a minor disagreement with the second referee. So Spartan coach Ron Pike leaped from his chair, hobbled a few feet to the net, crooked his neck chiropractor-style, bugged his eyes and curled his lips over his open mouth, thereby resembling what I like to call a constipated squirrel on adrenaline.

But, of course, we can't blame the British Columbian team for their antics, after losing so many times, there wasn't much more to do. I empathize, guys, really. I know what it's like.

But we can all learn something from this — when you end up losing again and again, don't let the frustration get to you. Nobody appreciates a constipated squirrel.

U of Toronto doctor calls for mandatory NHL visors

Jeff Brennan
THE GATEWAY

TORONTO (CUP) — Whether you are a hockey fan or not, last week's news that Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Bryan Berard successfully had the retina of his right eye reattached is positive.

Berard now has a better chance than he did a couple of weeks ago of simply regaining some sight out of his eye.

But whether the outcome of Berard's surgery on March 24 in New York had been successful or not, it would still not have changed the opinion of Dr. Rob Devenyi that all players in the National Hockey League (NHL) should be mandated to wear a visor.

Devenyi is a graduate of the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine and is currently on staff at the faculty. He's also director of retinal services at Toronto Hospital,

Western Division and has been the ophthalmologist for the Maple Leafs for approximately the last four years.

Devenyi was the first to examine Berard, on March 14, upon the latter's return to Toronto from an Ottawa hospital.

The incident happened during a March 11 game shown across the country on Hockey Night in Canada between the Maple Leafs and the Ottawa Senators.

With the play in front of Toronto's net, Ottawa forward Marian Hossa had a bouncing puck come his way. He wound up for a slapshot but missed completely.

On Hossa's follow-through, the blade of his stick struck Berard, who wasn't wearing a visor, in the right eye. Berard immediately fell to the ice covering his face with both hands.

His cornea had been sliced and his retina detached.

The incident added further fuel to the fiery debate over whether the NHL should force all of its players to

wear visors for every game. One of the proponents for this is Devenyi.

Prior to March 11, he had been in San Antonio, Texas, attending a conference entitled Eye Injuries in Professional Hockey.

Devenyi said, "We showed statistics on how, once full face visors were implemented in kids hockey in Toronto, and Canada, [eye injuries] instantly went away. There hasn't been a single eye injury since."

Almost all players in the NHL and Canadian major junior hockey who don a visor choose the half visor. The half visor, like the full visor, is made of a thick plastic that extends down from the front rim of a player's helmet.

However, while the full shield covers the entire face, the half visor stops at about the middle of a player's nose.

Male and female players within the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union all must wear either

a full mask or full visor.

But Devenyi isn't sold on the ability of the half shield to protect as much as the full visor. He cites a figure of eight people in Canada who've still lost an eye while playing hockey with a half visor.

Devenyi appreciates the players who wear visors, but he's also concerned with how they are worn.

"Some of [their visors] are pushed up towards the forehead," said Devenyi. "And [the players] wear their chinstraps loosely, so it's very easy for anything to push the visor up out of the way."

When visors are worn in such a way, a high-stick that might normally strike the visor will instead strike a player's face and possibly the eye.

A minority of NHL players who didn't wear a visor before March 11 are now suiting up with them.

But Devenyi isn't optimistic the trend will develop on its own. Rather, he feels legislation is necessary.

"I think until and unless [visors]

are made mandatory, just like helmets eventually became mandatory, probably a majority [of players], for whatever their reasons, will still continue not to wear them," said Devenyi. "There's no other injury you can so reliably prevent with the proper equipment."

One popular refutation given by players who object to wearing a visor is that it would, ironically, impede their vision, including their peripheral vision.

Devenyi responds to that argument by pointing to the NHL's leading goal scorers.

"The reality is the majority of the leading scorers in the league all wear a visor," he said. "It's mostly the Europeans that are the leading scorers and they virtually all wear visors."

The NHL's leading point-leader, Jaromir Jagr of the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the league's leading goal scorer, the Florida Panthers' Pavel Bure, both wear visors.

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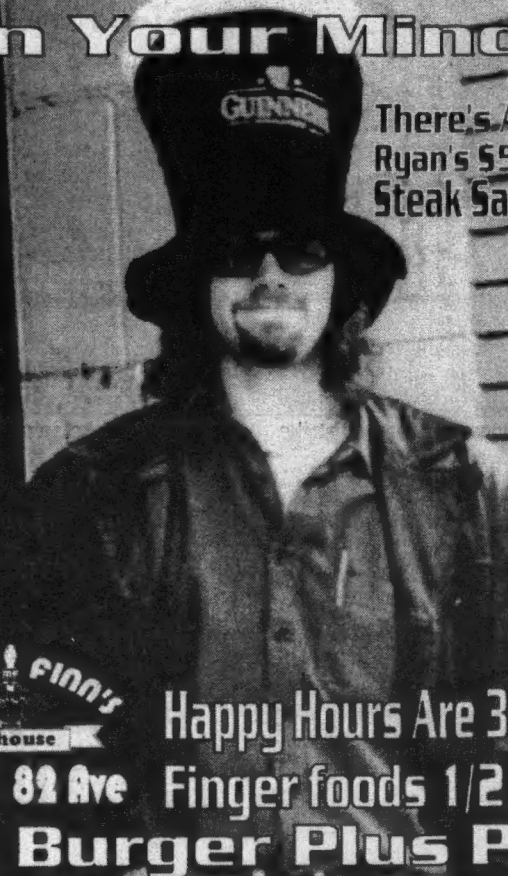
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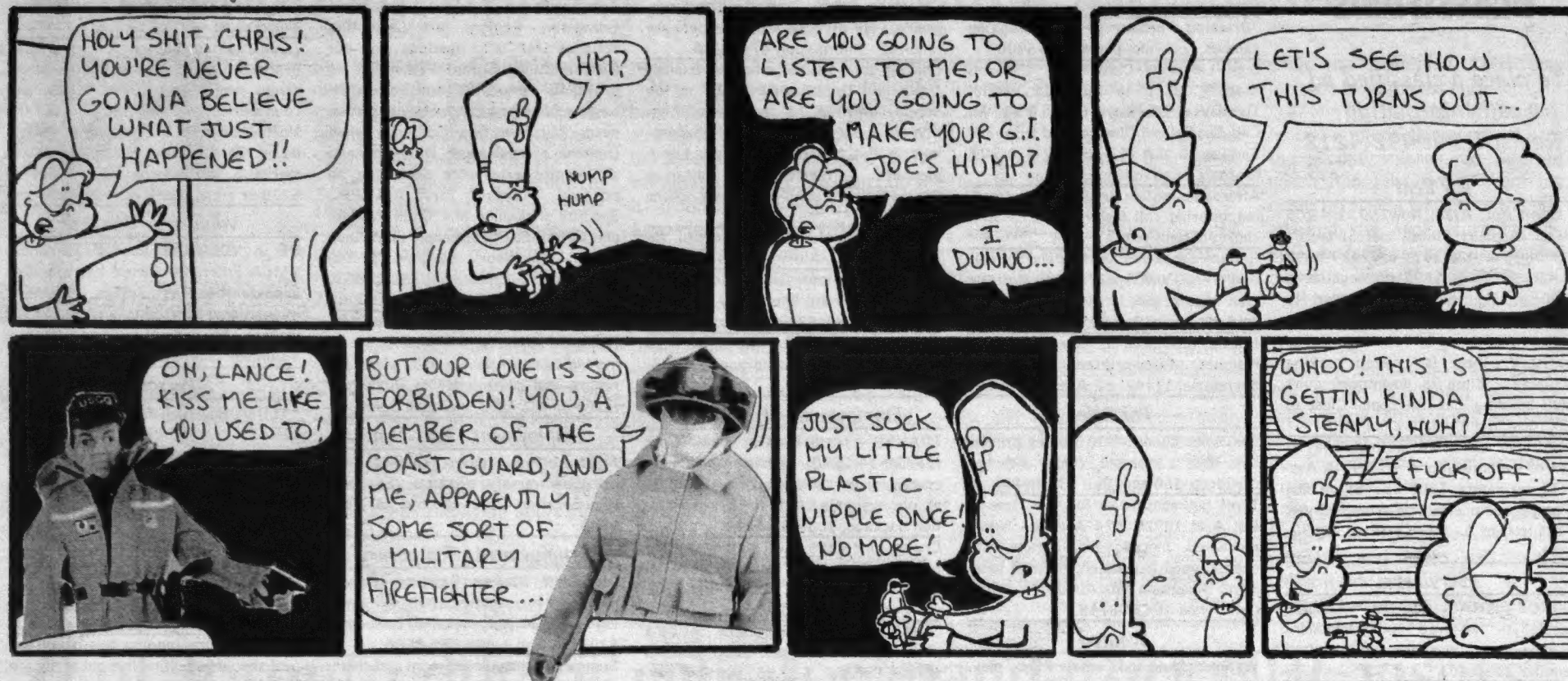
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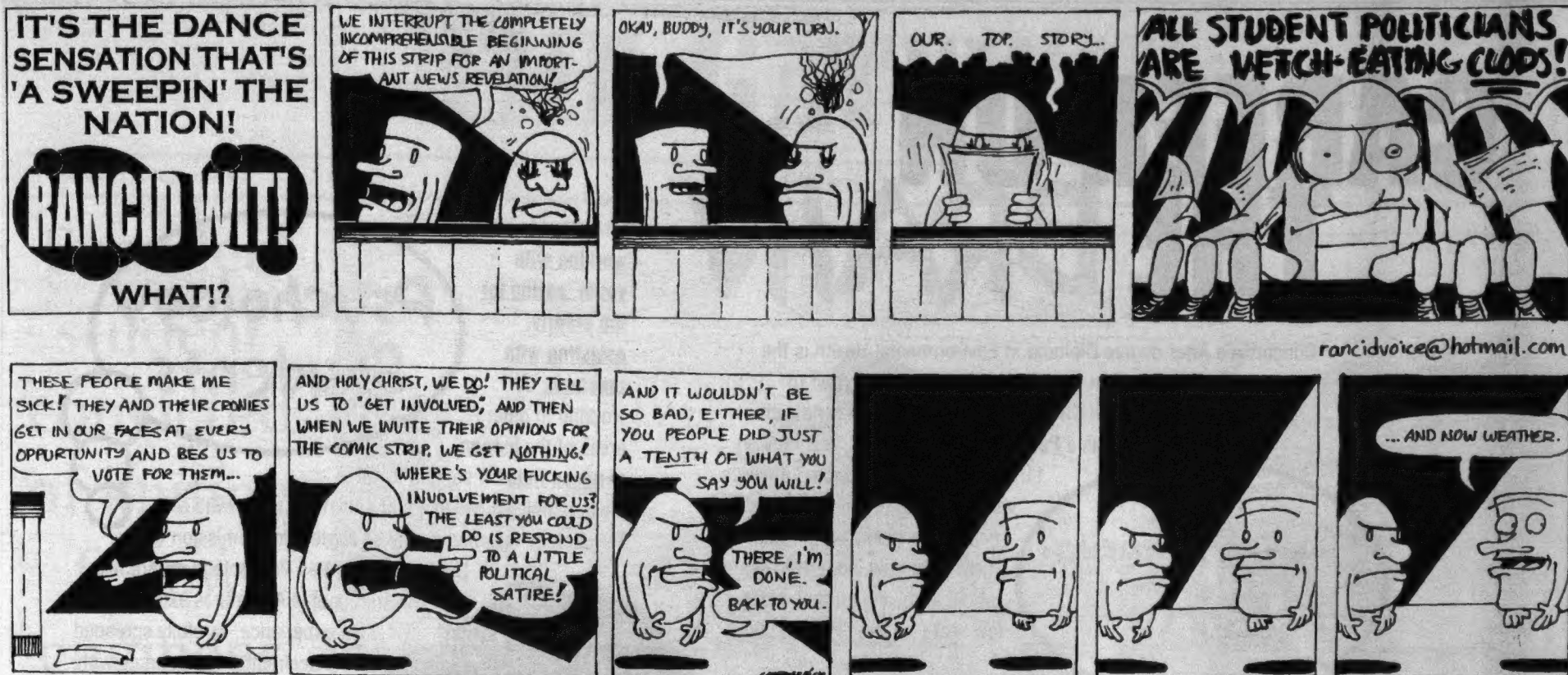
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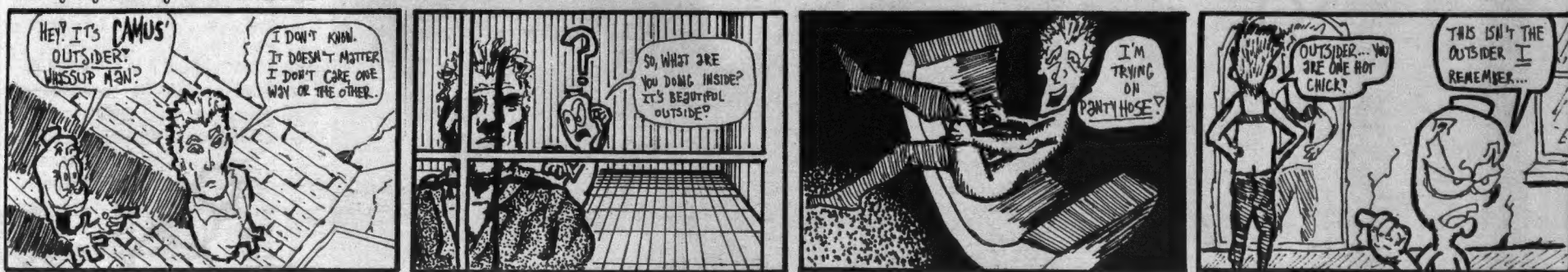
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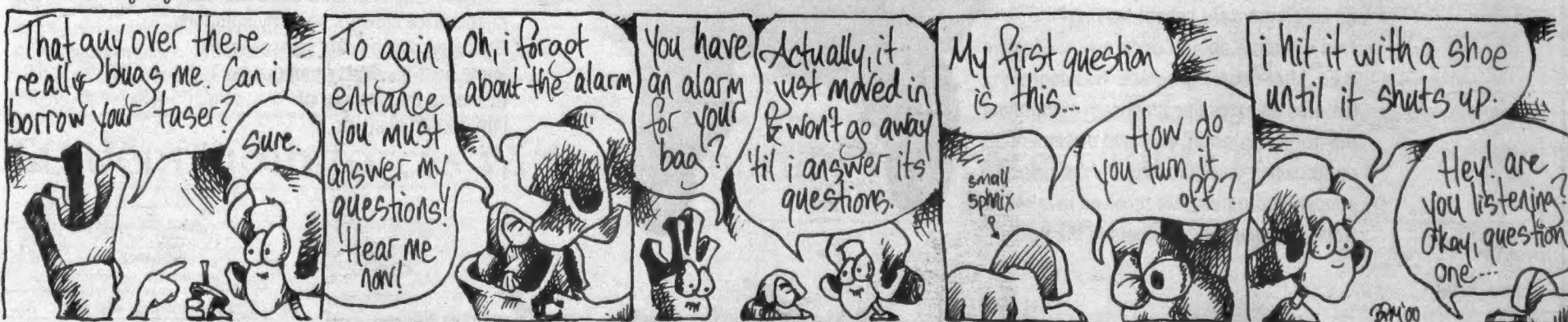
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